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SUBJECT: MEETING ON PORTUGAL IN THE HAGUE

1. SUMMARY: REPRESENTATIVES OF POLITICAL PARTIES,
PRIMARILY SOCIALIST, OF SEVEN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES MET IN THE HAGUE
MAY 16 AND 17. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER MEETING
URGED PORTUGAL TO BEGIN IMMEDIATE NEGOTIA-
TIONS WITH SOUTHERN AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS
AND CALLED FOR IMMEDIATE RECOGNITION OF GUINEA BISSAU.
COMMUNIQUE ALSO URGED PORTUGAL PROVIDE
"MORAL, POLITICAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT" TO GUINEA BISSAU,
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ANGOLA, AND MOZAMBIQUE AFTER INDEPENDENCE. END SUMMARY.

2. ON MAY 16 AND 17 PARLIAMENTARIANS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS POLITICAL PARTIES, PRIMARILY SOCIALIST, MET IN THE HAGUE AT THE INITIATIVE OF TWO DUTCH PARLIAMENTARIANS -- TER BEEK,

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY, DUTCH LABOR PARTY, AND SCHOLTEN, ARP, BOTH OF WHOM VISITED GUINEA BISSAU FOR TEN DAYS IN LATE 1973. DELEGATES INCLUDED REINHARDT SPILKER AND ACHIM MOELLER OF FRG; MRS. PAULETTE PIERSON MATHY, BELGIUM; JOHAN THORUD, NORWAY; LASSE BUDTZ, DENMARK; JEAN ZIEGLER, SWITZERLAND; AND JENNY LITTLE, GREAT BRITAIN. MR. GIL FERNANDEZ REPRESENTED PAIGC AND LOPEZ DA SILVA REPRESENTED PORTUGAL.

3. IN COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT CONCLUSION OF TWO-DAY SESSION IT WAS NOTED THE DELEGATES DISCUSSED PROSPECTS FOR NEW AND DEMOCRATIC PORTUGAL, INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL SITUATION AND PORTUGAL, CONTINUING COLONIAL WAR IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND DANGERS OF UDI IN ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE, AND GENERAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN TERRITORIES IN WORLD POLITICS. DISCUSSION CENTERED ON WHAT WESTERN EUROPEAN ATTITUDE TOWARDS NEW PORTUGAL SHOULD BE, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO COLONIAL QUESTION. ALTHOUGH DELEGATES CONSIDERED RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL "ENCOURAGING", THEY CONCLUDED IT WAS STILL NECESSARY TO URGE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT TO ACCEPT IMMEDIATE SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE FOR PEOPLES OF CAPE VERDE, ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE AND TO BEGIN IMMEDIATE AND MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE "REPUBLIC OF GUINEA BISSAU".

4. DELEGATES ALSO (A) EXPRESSED TRUST IN NEW PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER SOARES, (B) CALLED FOR IMMEDIATE RECOGNITION BY THEIR GOVERNMENTS OF GUINEA BISSAU, (C) URGED IMMEDIATE PORTUGUESE-ANGOLA-MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION MOVEMENT NEGOTIATIONS, (D) CALLED UPON THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO PROVIDE MORAL, POLITICAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND ECONOMIC AID AFTER INDEPENDENCE, AND (E) URGED ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL TO FACILITATE PROCESS OF ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT TO LOSS

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OF PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES.

5. TER BEEK TOLD PRESS AFTERWARDS THAT HE HAD IMPRESSION MANY WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WERE WAITING FOR EACH OTHER TO RECOGNIZE GUINEA BISSAU. HE URGED THE NETHERLANDS TO DECIDE ON UNILATERAL RECOGNITION WHICH HE SAID COULD HAVE "CATALYZING EFFECT" ON POLICIES OF OTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. THE SWISS BRITISH

AND BELGIAN DELEGATES ALL STATED THAT DUTCH RECOGNITION OF GUINEA BISSAU WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN DECIDING THEIR OWN GOVERNMENTS TO RECOGNIZE. PAIGC REPRESENTATIVE FERNANDEZ DESCRIBED GENERAL SPINOLA TO PRESS AS "TYPICAL REPRESENTATIVE OF NEO-COLONIALISM" AND SAID HIS BACKGROUND MADE HIM "EXTREMELY SUSPICIOUS TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS".

6. COMMENT: PARLIAMENTARIANS' COMMUNIQUE CAME ON SAME DAY MFA ISSUED SPECIAL STATEMENT TERMING DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL ENCOURAGING (SEPTEL). MFA SPOKESMAN, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ON GUINEA BISSAU, REITERATED GON VIEW THAT UNILATERAL DUTCH RECOGNITION OF GUINEA BISSAU WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. GOULD

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